

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, and 8-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method of controlling wireless communication between a first wireless communication device and a plurality of further wireless communication devices, comprising:

the first device attempting to perform a plurality of communications with the further devices via a wireless communication link during respective transmission time slots of a transmission period that have been assigned to the respective communications;

the first device determining which of said communications has been successfully performed and which of said communications has not been successfully performed;

responsive to said determining step, the first device assigning to respective retransmission time slots of a retransmission period a plurality of further communications between the first device and the further devices; and

for each of the further communications, one of the first device and the further devices transmitting the further communication via the wireless communication link during the retransmission time slot assigned to the further communication,

wherein said determining step includes the first device determining that the first device needs to retransmit to one of the further devices during the retransmission period a first packet that was transmitted by the first device to the one further device during the transmission period, and the first device also determining that the first device needs to transmit to a second further device during the retransmission period a second packet including an indication that the second further device should retransmit to the first device during the retransmission period a third packet that was transmitted by the second further device to the first device during the transmission period.

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Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 3, wherein said assigning step includes assigning transmission of the first and second packets, respectively, to adjacent retransmission time slots.

Claim 5 (original): The method of Claim 3, wherein said assigning step includes assigning transmission of both the first packet and said indication to a single retransmission time slot.

Claim 6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein said transmitting step includes the first device incorporating said indication into the first packet and transmitting the first packet to the one further device via the wireless communication link during the single retransmission time slot.

Claim 7 (original): The method of Claim 6, wherein said first packet is a packet according to Bluetooth protocol, said incorporating step including the first device using Bluetooth TYPE bits in the first packet to incorporate said indication into the first packet.

Claims 8-22 (cancelled)